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This settlement is a joke. It allows Microsoft to tie up in litigation new battles until the founder grows old and dies. With this settlement,

Microsoft will continue their deceitful practices. Any deviation will take months or even years to settle in a court of law.

## Example:

Microsoft puts out information for developers that allow them to use part of the Windows Operating system to develop a product. This is a normal part of any OS development business. Here is what will happen,

Microsoft will later change the OS which prevents the developers product

from working - while conveniently, however; the new and upgraded OS has a microsoft version of the developers middle ware that works just fine.

This is another way to stamp out competition. If anyone thinks that settlement is fair, it is not. This method of working can only be compared

to a drug dealer. The first few are free, suddenly your addicted and its a must have in order to operate.

We have grown dependent on software as a means to operate in our everyday lives.

Microsoft will only tie everything up in court for ever.

Here's a good 'pin prick' for Microsoft.

Require Microsoft to buy for low income schools competing software of the Schools choice - the choice can NOT be any Microsoft product. Have it be equivalent to the amount of money damage caused thus far. How about a billion dollars. No sweat to Microsoft. Use ANY competing companies - Apple, IBM, SUN, Linux. etc.

PS -- Don't let Microsoft gain any money by investing in the companies that it is competing with.

## Good Luck!

I'm glad your prosecuting and I hope the US wins.

Ben